

HOUSE COMMITTEE EXPECTED TO URGE INDUSTRIAL BODY

Early Report on Hughes Bill Is Looked for—Taft for Commission.

The House Committee on Labor is expected to make an early report on the Hughes bill to create a commission on industrial relations, which was recently advocated by the President in a message to Congress.

It is proposed that this commission shall investigate the relations between employers and employees in this country and abroad, and shall make an exhaustive study of the cause and effect of strikes and industrial unrest, making such recommendations to Congress as the commission deems best to bring about industrial peace.

Chairman Wilson, of the Labor Committee, says that no one has expressed a desire to oppose the bill, and a favorable report probably will be made as the result of the hearings recently held when labor leaders and others advocated the measure. The Labor Committee of the House already has reported two bills looking to better industrial conditions—one to create a Department of Labor, with a cabinet officer at its head, and another to create a children's bureau in the Department of Commerce and Labor.

St. Andrew's Society Holds Social Meeting

Witty speeches and catchy songs were given last night at a business meeting, smoker, and social of the St. Andrew's Society, held in the New Elbitt at 8 o'clock. Eleven new members were initiated during the evening.

A. M. McLachlen, president, presided, and introduced the following speakers: Dr. George MacDonald, Capt. William Somerville, Lieut. Benjamin Forsyth, U. S. A., George Alexander Beaton, Henry Clifford Stuart, A. E. L. Leckie, Charles A. Douglas, Alexander McKennie, and Dr. Thomas A. Williams. E. H. Lachlen sang several Scotch songs. He was accompanied by Dr. Williams.

The new members taken in were: Gen. Francis Moore, U. S. A., retired; William G. Henderson, Lester B. Mann, Harry Blake, John M. Henderson, G. Angus Morrison, Nathaniel Sloan, J. Donald Higgins, R. G. Rankin, Henry Clifford Stuart, and George Alexander Beaton.

FLORIST IS FINED \$50 FOR ASSAULT

Alexandria Man Charged With Attacking Girl in Store Where Both Were Employed—She Had Resented Language Used Toward Her.

WASHINGTON TIMES BUREAU, ALEXANDRIA, VA., APRIL 5.—Ernest Paldaca, a florist, was fined \$50 in Police Court this morning for an assault on Miss Emma Deaver. According to a statement made by the girl, who is about eighteen years of age, and pretty, Paldaca had used language in her presence which she resented. When she protested, he told her to "shut her mouth and get out."

She got her hat, she says, and was on her way out when Paldaca sprang at her, slapped her in the face, and kicked her in the body.

Paldaca asserted that he had not struck the girl at all, simply pushed her. The fine was imposed without comment on the part of the justice. Attorney Howard W. Smith appeared for Paldaca. The fine was paid.

A coroner's jury this morning absolved from all blame, employees of the Washington-Virginia Railway Company, one of the cars of which struck and instantly killed James Fennell, sixty years old, yesterday afternoon, and seriously injured his grandson, Milton Hansborough, nine years old.

The witnesses heard were W. N. Van Horn, Walter C. Crockett, and Harry Shirley, the crew of the train. Van Horn, who is the veteran motorman of the road, said that as his train approached Union Station, he was proceeding about twenty miles an hour, when he saw the man and boy approaching on the opposite track. He sounded his whistle, and the man, becoming confused, stepped directly in front of the train.

The jury was composed of R. M. Graham, foreman; William P. Taylor, John H. Fisher, Samuel W. Pitts, James B. Martin, and William P. Kerriok. The verdict was to the effect that Fennell had met his death while trespassing on the property of the Washington-Virginia railway.

Fennell, who lived on North West street, was formerly a Southern railway freight conductor. The child was taken to the hospital, where his wounds were dressed, he being discharged a few hours later.

The inquest was conducted by Dr. Samuel B. Moore, city coroner, in Wheatley's undertaking establishment. Governor Mann has designated Judge

B. T. Gordon, of the Twenty-ninth Judicial circuit, to sit in the impending criminal trial, to be held in the city of Alexandria, May 8, has been fixed as the date for the hearing.

As has already been stated, the movement will be bitterly opposed by the residents of the coveted territory, part of which lies in Fairfax and part in Alexandria counties. The legal talent employed by them includes Commonwealth Attorney Cranford Mackey, former Gov. A. J. Montague, and R. Moore, Harboure, Keith & McCallish. The city will be represented by Corporation Attorney Samuel P. Fisher, Samuel G. Brent, and John M. Johnson.

Albert D. Brockett, progressive candidate for mayor, this morning submitted to the Alexandria Trades Council his answers to nine questions recently propounded to the candidates by that body. He states that he favors the municipal ownership of an electric light and water plant for the city, as soon as it can be acquired to the city's advantage. In answer to the question referring to some steps being taken to secure a reduction in the cost of water, he states that he favors the proposition to have a bill of complaint against the Alexandria Water Company, framed in the city council, to be laid before the State corporation commission, to have the equity of their rates determined.

Education of children, he says, should be made compulsory as soon as the school facilities are made adequate, and, further, he favors free text books and a system of night schools. Street improvements to be paid out of the general fund, he advocates as being the only practical way of improving all of the city; also urging the establishment of a public park as recreation grounds.

In reply to the last question as to whether all city work should be done by contract or by city employees, he states that the former course should be pursued, union labor, with an eight-hour day being employed.

At a meeting of Potomac Lodge of Odd Fellows, held last night, the initiatory degree of the order was conferred upon several candidates.

United States Commissioner R. P. W. Garnett will, this afternoon, hold a preliminary examination of G. Mason Smith, who was recently indicted by a Baltimore grand jury on a charge of violating the "white slave" law. Smith will be represented by C. Vernon Ford.

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The record attained by the mercury yesterday was 77 degrees. One other day since 1912 started the thermometer registered 76 degrees.

Not only is spring here, but the season seems to have assumed a quality of permanency according to the Weather Bureau forecasters. The forecasters say that the weather will be "fair to-night with the temperature continued warmer. Sunday increasing cloudiness, probably followed by showers, cooler Sunday afternoon or night."

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